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Premier Brad Wall hands out one of several footballs, signed by Saskatchewan Roughriders players, to seven charities in his office on Wednesday to help them boost their fundraising efforts. Salvation Army spokesman Mike Hoeft, left, says they will auction off their football at a golf tournament in June with proceeds going to sports equipment for a children's camp. For more on the story, visit metronews.ca.
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Dean who spoke out on cuts fired

Fallout. U of S academic also stripped of tenure and banned for life for criticizing TransformUS plans

A University of Saskatchewan dean who complained that faculty are being told to keep quiet about cutbacks has been fired, stripped of tenure and escorted off campus by police.

The Opposition New Democrats say Robert Buckingham, executive director at the U of S School of Public Health, has told them that he was called into a meeting on Wednesday morning and banned for life from the campus.

"In publicly challenging the direction given to you by both the president of the university and the provost, you have demonstrated egregious conduct and insubordination and have destroyed your relationship with the senior leadership team of the university," states a termination letter addressed to Buckingham and signed by provost Brett Fairbairn.

U of S dean Robert Buckingham, pictured in a university newsletter in 2012. UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

The letter was released by the NDP.

"You have damaged the reputation of the university, the president and the school," the letter adds, "and have damaged the university's relationship with key stakeholders and partners, including the public, government and your university colleagues."

Buckingham spoke out on Tuesday about an overhaul at the university known as TransformUS. He said university president Ilene Busch-Vishniac had told senior leaders not to publicly disagree with the changes.

"Her remarks were to the point: she expected her senior leaders to not 'publicly disagree with the process or findings of TransformUS'; she added that if we did our 'tenure would be short,'" Buckingham wrote in a letter to the provincial government and the NDP.

Buckingham said never in 40 years of academic life had he seen faculty told they could not speak out or debate issues.

The Saskatoon-based university's plan includes cutting jobs, reorganizing its administration and dissolving some programs to try to save about $25 million.

Advanced Education Minister Rob Norris said professors should not be told to keep quiet.

NDP Leader Cam Broten said the provincial government needs to find out what is happening at the university.
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‘Atrocious’ lapses in welfare for suspected killer, age 10

Children’s advocate.
Bob Pringle cites lack of interaction, oversight, proper documentation

Yorkton Tribal Council Chief Isabelle O’Soup said on Wednesday that continued work is needed in social services to prevent incidents such as the homicide of six-year-old Lee Bonneau, inset, who was killed last August at Kahkewistahaw First Nation in southeast Saskatchewan. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO; INSET: COURTESY RCMP

Saskatchewan’s children’s advocate says a 10-year-old boy, who police say killed a six-year-old boy, probably should not have been in the community unsupervised.

Bob Pringle said on Wednesday that the 10-year-old, referred to as “Derek” in a report, was getting help from social services because he has complex needs.

Derek was diagnosed with a developmental disorder shortly before six-year-old Lee Bonneau was killed last August in the area of Kahkewistahaw First Nation in southeast Saskatchewan.

But Pringle said there were significant gaps in aid provided by the local child welfare agency.

“It’s a disaster,” Pringle said at a news conference.

“I would certainly say that the casework around the services provided to Derek were absolutely, fundamentally unacceptable. The quality was just atrocious.”

Pringle found nine child protection concerns reported to Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services, though two of the concerns were apparently never investigated.

“File documentation was incomplete and a clear lack of supervisory oversight was evident,” Pringle said.

The advocate notes that the boy’s school, at one point, asked that he be kept at home until his issues could be addressed.

“We could find one documented incident in 4 1/2 years ... of agency involvement with the family when a staff member actually spoke to Derek,” said Pringle.

“Once in 4 1/2 years — we find this a travesty.”

Legislation prevents Pringle from naming the boys, but RCMP confirmed last September that Bonneau had been found in a wooded area at the First Nation.

Lee was visiting the reserve with his foster mother, who had gone to play bingo.

The advocate makes 18 recommendations, including that the Ministry of Social Services strengthen its oversight of the Yorkton Tribal Council family services agency.

Raymond Shingoose, director of Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services, said his staff is capable but acknowledged that more resources are needed.

Social Services Minister June Draude said the findings break her heart.

“That’s the kind of gap that is so obvious in this report that all of us are just overwhelmed, saying that there is not just a gap but it was a breakdown,” Draude said.

Derek is too young to be charged under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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MoSo looking for 'new ways to inspire everyone' in 2014

June 11-13. Around 500 people expected to attend event, which will feature representatives of online companies giving talks, workshops

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The conference part of MoSo, a multi-day celebration of music and technology in Saskatoon, is cementing its status at home and abroad.

Representatives of such online companies as shopping site Etsy and social media manager Hootsuite will be at the 2014 edition of the MoSo conference from June 11 to 13 giving talks and leading workshops.

"We've really grown just in terms of recognition and awareness across Canada and even a little bit in the States," says director Desaree Larsen.

Desaree Larsen, director of the conference part of MoSo, stands by a poster for the music festival portion on Broadway Avenue. The entire event goes down between June 11 and 14 in Saskatoon, with the conference running until the 13th.
JACOB MORGAN/METRO

She added that digital marketing expert Jeffrey Hayzlett and multimedia designer Steve Peters are among the announced keynote speakers.

Around 500 people should be at the conference, she said, with thousands more taking in the conjunct music festival.

One of the ways the event has reached this level, said Larsen, is through a constant renewal of the program.

"We want to find new ways to inspire everyone," said Larsen.

For the first time, Jessica Harllee and Kim Bost from Etsy, which provides artisans with a platform to sell their crafts, are running a product-design training camp on June 11.

Harllee told Metro participants will learn some of the ways the Etsy team builds and maintains their popular site.

"It's not just the visual esthetics," she explained. "But also a lot of the problem solving … to think about the user's experience from start to finish."

An example is testing out a new idea on a small amount of traffic and analyzing the metrics to see if it's successful before proceeding with the development, Harllee said.

People at the workshop, she added, stand to gain "insight into how we do things on a really large scale and maybe apply it to their own processes."

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"You're getting the chance to experience some pretty amazing professional development."
Desaree Larsen, director of the conference portion of MoSo

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Visit moso2014.com for more information and to find out the full lineup as it rolls out.

Riders kick off drive to score $40M for new stadium

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have launched a capital campaign to raise $40 million as part of the franchise's contribution to development of Regina's new stadium.

As part of what the football club calls its Builder Campaign, it will reach out to the province's business community with its "Starting 12" program, which will grant founding partners a lifelong presence at the facility, along with an ability to secure exclusive sponsorship assets and naming rights, among other opportunities.

"We are designing a multi-tiered Builder Campaign and partnership program that will allow business partners and individuals to participate and be recognized and rewarded for their contributions," Jim Hopson, Roughriders president and CEO, said on Wednesday in a prepared statement.

Members of the CFL team's fan base will be able to contribute to the campaign, though details on that plan won't be released until after the unveiling of the $278-million stadium's design — possibly next week.

As part of the franchise's $40-million contribution, $25 million will go toward construction, and an estimated $15 million will be spent on facilities specific to the team, including locker-rooms, equipment rooms and business offices.

"This iconic new facility will be enjoyed by the people of Saskatchewan for years to come," Hopson said, adding that the stadium will serve as "a focal point in Saskatchewan" and attract "national acclaim, as one of the premier facilities of its kind in Canada."

The Saskatchewan government will contribute $80 million over four years to the project, while extending a $100-million loan to the City of Regina.

The city will chip in an additional $73 million toward the stadium.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO IN REGINA

Scan the photo below with your Metro News app to see a photo gallery of the mine rescue attempt and protests in Turkey.

Turkey counts its dead

Tragedy in Soma.
Hope dwindling in search for survivors of coal mine catastrophe

Anger and grief boiled over into a violent protest Wednesday in the western Turkish town of Soma, where officials said at least 245 miners died in a coal mine explosion and fire.

Nearly 450 other miners were rescued, the mining company said, but the fate of an unknown number of others remained unclear in one of the world's deadliest mining disasters in decades.

Tensions were high as hundreds of relatives and miners jostled outside the coal mine waiting for news, countered by a heavy police presence. Rows of women wailed uncontrollably, men knelt sobbing and others just stared in disbelief as rescue workers removed a steady stream of bodies throughout the night and early morning. Others shouted at Turkish officials as they passed by.

In downtown Soma, protesters mostly in their teens and 20s faced off against riot police Wednesday afternoon in front of the ruling NKP party headquarters. Police had gas masks and water cannons.

Authorities say the disaster followed an explosion and fire caused by a power distribution unit and the deaths were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Edrogan promised the tragedy would be investigated to its "smallest detail" and that "no negligence will be ignored."

Erdogan discussed rescue operations with authorities, walked near the entrance of the mine and comforted two crying women. He has appeared less-than-sympathetic in the past, however, saying that death was part of the "profession's fate" after 30 miners died in a 2010 accident.

Mining accidents are common in Turkey, which is plagued by poor safety conditions.

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Recent fatal mine disasters

2013
Eighty-three workers are buried by a massive landslide at a gold mining site in Tibet.

2012
At least 60 people dead after a landslide at a gold mine in a remote corner of northeast Congo.

2011
Fifty-two people are feared dead in southwestern Pakistan after a gas explosion deep in a coal mine.

2007
At least 90 are killed in post-Soviet Ukraine's worst mining disaster in a coal mine near the eastern city of Donetsk.

2006
65 coal miners are killed from a gas explosion in San Juan de Sabinas, in northern Mexico's Coahuila state.

2005
214 miners die after an explosion deep in a coal shaft in southwestern China.

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Rows of open graves for the mine accident victims are seen in Soma, Turkey, Wednesday. At least two hundred coal miners were killed after a mine explosion. Violent protests have erupted in several Turkish cities, targeting the mine's owners and the national government. In Soma rocks were being thrown and some people were shouting that Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was a "murderer!" and a "thief!"

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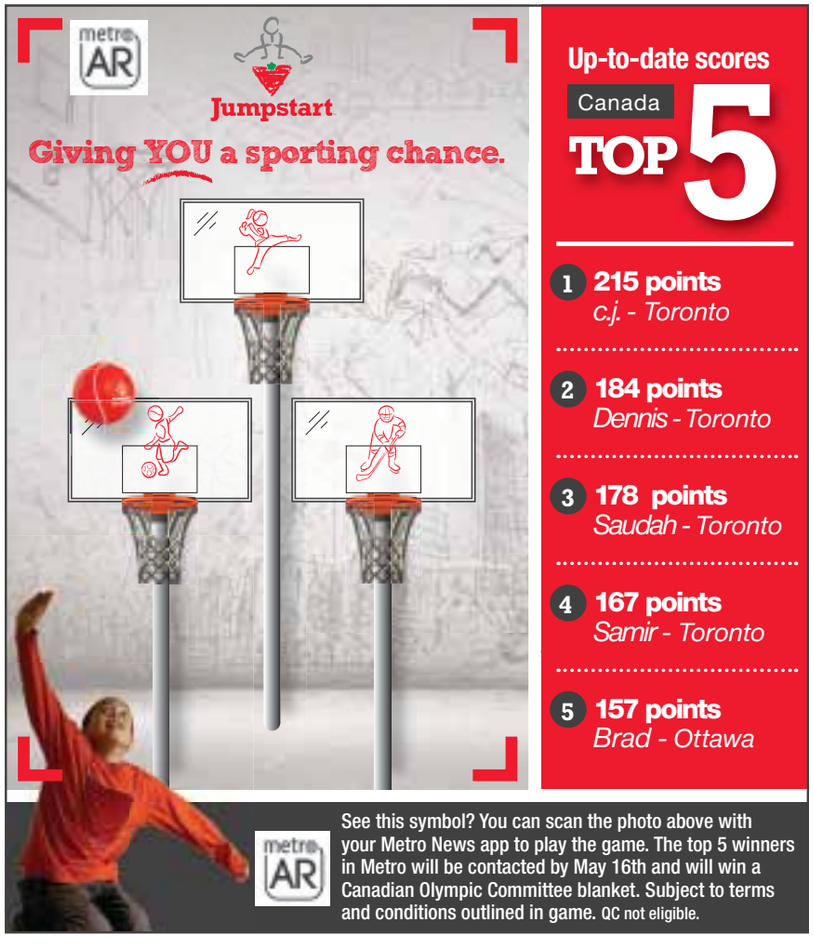
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Court upholds terror case against Harkat

Constitutional challenge. Ruling affirms security certificate regime

The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the national security certificate against terror suspect Mohamed Harkat, opening the door to the next step in deporting him.

The high court also rejected Harkat's constitutional challenge of the security certificate regime, unanimously ruling that the process — while not perfect — is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"It's difficult to put it in words," Harkat's lawyer Norm Boxall said Wednesday after the decision was released. "I can't think of another word to say, other than it was devastating."

Harkat, 45, has said he could face torture if returned to his native Algeria, raising questions about how, when or even if he will be removed from Canada.

The former pizza delivery man was taken into custody in Ottawa in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent. He denies any involvement with terrorism.

The federal government is trying to deport the Algerian refugee on a security certificate — a seldom-used tool in immigration law for removing non-citizens suspected of extremism or espionage.

Harkat's lawyers argued the process was unfair because the person named in a certificate doesn't see the full case against them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mohamed Harkat and wife Sophie Lamarche Harkat. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trial. Former royal editor says he hacked Kate's phone 155 times

The former royal editor of the News of the World said Wednesday that he repeatedly hacked the voice mails of Prince William, Prince Harry and Kate Middleton in the months before he was arrested for illegal eavesdropping in 2006.

Under cross examination at Britain's phone hacking trial, Clive Goodman acknowledged he had listened to Middleton's voice mails 155 times, Prince William's 35 times and Prince Harry's nine times.

Goodman was briefly jailed in 2007, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, for hacking the phones of royal aides. But Goodman said police and prosecutors never asked him if he had also targeted members of the royal family.

"I have been as open and honest about hacking as I can be, but nobody has asked me any questions about this before," said Goodman, 56.

Earlier in the trial, the jury was read transcripts of intercepted phone messages between William and Kate from the days when they were courting. She became the Duchess of Cambridge when they married in 2011.

Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge
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Goodman said Kate was first targeted in late 2005, when she was becoming "a figure of increasing importance around the royal family."

Goodman and six others are on trial over wrongdoing at Rupert Murdoch's British tabloids. Murdoch shut down the News of the World in 2011 after evidence emerged that its staff had hacked the phones of celebrities, politicians and even a kidnapped 13-year-old girl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liberal policy

Cardinal urges Trudeau to drop abortion stance

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto is asking Justin Trudeau to reconsider his decision to bar would-be Liberal candidates who do not endorse the party policy on abortion.

Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote to the Liberal leader Wednesday to say he is deeply concerned about the controversy.

Collins said he understands the need for party discipline, but questions whether that discipline can extend to matters of conscience.

Trudeau has said the party won't accept new candidates who are not pro-choice on abortion, although sitting MPs will be allowed to run even if they oppose the practice.

"As a party, we are steadfast in our belief ... that it is not for any government to legislate what a woman chooses to do with her body, and that is the bottom line there," Trudeau said last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Year 2064: Robot waiters

Today in 2064, the federal government is grappling with record unemployment levels due to leaps in artificial intelligence; a Fort McMurray restaurant has made a controversial move to hire human wait staff; and schools are under fire for a security breach in their learning modules.

Bill aims to tackle record jobless rate

Guaranteed Income Act. Parliament moves to compromise on bill that will pump money into an economy stalled by 50 per cent jobless rate

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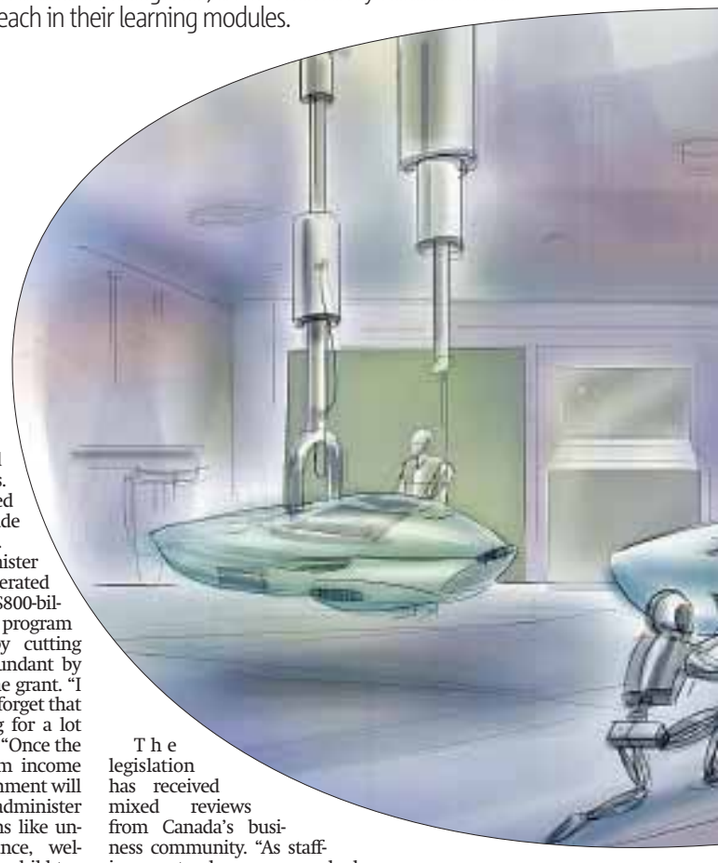

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A bill that would guarantee every Canadian a basic income — regardless of whether they have a job — took a step closer to fruition Wednesday, as the governing Newer Democratic Party introduced amendments to placate the Opposition.

Proposed changes include indexing the minimum income to inflation, tax credits for companies that hire human workers and stricter requirements on who can apply.

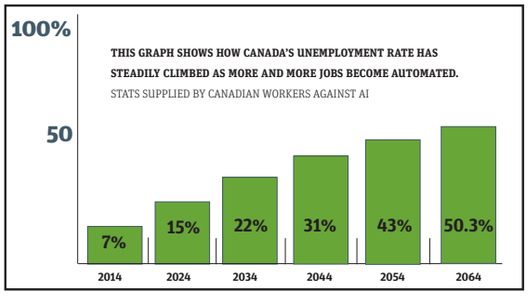
"The viability of the Canadian economy should transcend partisan bickering," NDP Leader Christina Sandberg said in a holocast with reporters. "We're willing to meet the Neo-Conservatives halfway, but it's up to them to show Canadians they care more about the fortunes of people than robots."

The original bill was unveiled in 2063, less than three weeks after news broke that Canada's unemployment rate had tipped the scales at 50.3 per cent. The historic jobless numbers — driven largely by automation in the manufacturing and service sectors — sent the economy into a tailspin.

"What's the incentive for companies to make products or offer services if the majority of the population can't afford to buy them?" Bank of Canada president Tomas Grant intoned the day after the numbers were released.

The Opposition Neo-Conservative Party initially balked at the proposed Guaranteed Income Act, with leader Rich Wyteman calling it "a complete capitulation to socialism." However, in recent weeks there have been signs the party may have softened its stance.

Without some support from the Neo-Conservatives, the minority NDP won't have enough votes in Parliament to pass the legislation. In a bid to get the bill to second reading, the NDP introduced a watered-down version in the House Wednesday. The planned corporate tax hike, which experts say is necessary to fund the program, has been reduced to 50 per cent from 65 per cent, and access to the program would be restricted to Canadian citizens. The NDP wanted coverage to include permanent residents.



NDP Finance Minister Brent Francis reiterated that nearly half the $800-billion cost of the program would be found by cutting programs made redundant by the minimum income grant. "I think a lot of people forget that we're already paying for a lot of this," Francis said. "Once the guaranteed minimum income is in place, the government will no longer have to administer and pay for programs like unemployment insurance, welfare, skills training or child tax credits."

It remains to be seen whether the Neo-Conservatives will lend their support to the amended bill, or if they will provide an alternative solution to Canada's increasingly imbalanced economy. "Every day the government fails to act, more Canadian families suffer," said Kwame Johansen, an anti-poverty activist in Ottawa. "The economy has changed irrevocably, and we as a country need to change with it."

The legislation has received mixed reviews from Canada's business community. "As staffing costs have approached zero, we've seen profit margins soar in our industry," said Kevin Kelly, chair of the Canadian Restaurant Association.

"If this policy gets more people shopping and eating out, our members are confident that any losses from higher taxes will be offset by increased revenues.

"This is nothing but a tax on success," countered Chad Hanson, CEO of OfficeBot Industries, an Ontario-based company that supplies custom worker software to the finance industry.

"Not only will this discourage companies from investing in Canada, it will discourage Canadians from getting the skills and education they need to thrive in this new economy."

Johansen called Hanson's comments "misleading."

"The era of big corporate tax cuts and incentives is over," he said. "It made sense back when these companies created jobs in Canada, but not now."

Robot redundancy. NGO voices health concerns over Alberta restaurant's decision to hire human waitstaff

An upscale eatery in Alberta is cooking up controversy by hiring human wait staff.

Tailing Ponds, a seafood restaurant in an affluent Fort McMurray neighbourhood, recently replaced its robot servers with humans in a bid to attract more clientele.

"With the invention of robo-servers, dining has become increasingly impersonal," said Frida Williams, the restaurant's owner. "We believe there's a market for fine dining with a personalized, human touch."

Having to pay human staff is expected to double the restaurant's expenses, but Williams is confident her customers will shell out more to have their haddock served by a real person. Despite the initial capital investment in robo-servers, the cost of human servers is greater over time, Williams said.

"Our market research shows that not only do people prefer human staff, they're also willing to pay a premium for that experience," she said.

The move has caught the attention of the Alberta Sanitation Society (ASS), a health-based NGO that sprang up in the wake of the wake of the deadly H9N1 outbreak in 2029.

Members of the group protested via holocast outside of Tailing Ponds on Wednesday. "They may think this is a novelty, but having people handle your food is a prime vector for disease transmission," said ASS activist Lindsey Hubler. "These diners might as well be eating their meals off of the floor."

Williams said the restaurant has complied with all municipal health bylaws, and stressed that the servers have little contact with the food.

"Every meal is cooked personally by our Italian-made robot chef," she said.

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Tailing Ponds restaurant is getting rid of their robot waitstaff and replacing them with humans in a bid to attract more clientele. YURIDIGITAL.COM

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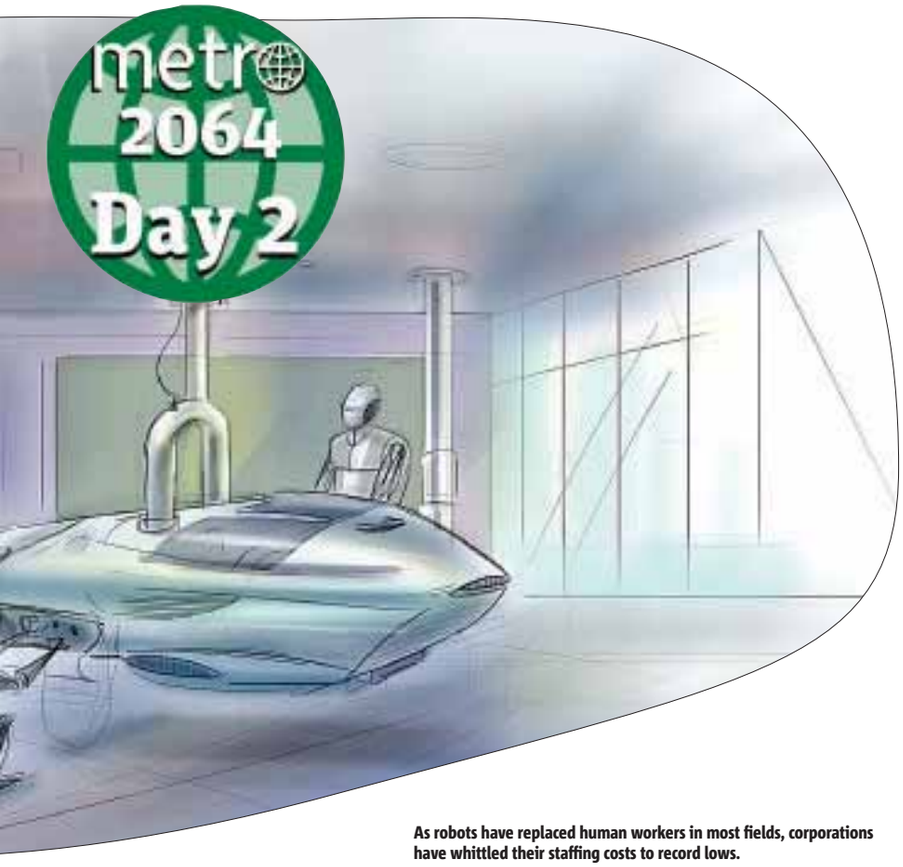

As robots have replaced human workers in most fields, corporations have whittled their staffing costs to record lows.
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LURID SEX SCENE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTRAGES PARENTS

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Parents are expressing outrage after it was revealed on Wednesday that hackers had broken into LemonadeStand#2, a popular children's teaching module, and added a disturbing sex scene.

"This raises real concerns. I don't even know what to tell them," said Esmerelda, who says her children had previously taken courses in the LemonadeStand#2 program.

The hacked software was discovered when an eight-year-old student attending Canopy Childminding Centre in Auckland, Australia, asked her facilitator why a young couple was naked in the Lemonade Stand module. The facilitator, Madiha Osman, says she blocked the module from the system and notified education officials at 4DEdu immediately.

"I was shocked," Osman told Metro. "At least the older students will be used to seeing such things but I don't want to be the one to explain sex to the younger ones. What if the couple asked the child to join them?"

Hackers have broken into LemonadeStand#2. SHUTTERSTOCK

She says children from seven to 12 years old typically access the program developed by the private education firm, with most users being around eight or nine. The module takes anywhere from two to six months to complete and the scene in question was discovered nearly halfway through the course.

It is unclear at this point when the program was hacked, but officials told Metro they are investigating.

"We seriously doubt that this intrusion could have been inserted very long ago without any students mentioning it," said Education Canada's Deputy Minister Indira McKallie, "but we are working with 4DEdu and with police to pinpoint a timeline and safeguard against intrusions in other programs."

Parents say the response is not good enough. "What changes in security have they made since the war hacking?" said Chwinabe Okafor, head of the Urban Canadian Parents Association (UCPA). "The ministry has to be held responsible for what our children are experiencing. I wonder how they would feel if it was their kid interacting with the couple."

Police say the student was physically unharmed but they are working with 4DEdu to determine if any other children were touched or otherwise engaged with inappropriately. Counselors will also be working with the students.

LemonadeStand#2 is available in 38 countries and is a Business 1, Math 3, Reading 2, and Fitness 1 level program optimized for left-brain auditory learners, with Math and Fitness levels being adjustable.

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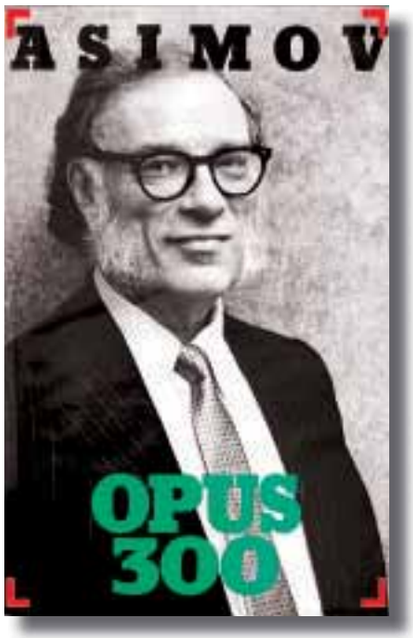

Isaac Asimov is considered one of the most prolific and talented science fiction writers of all time. Asimov, who died in 1992, wrote over 500 books and made sometimes eerily accurate predictions about what our future might look like. In this interview from almost 30 years ago, Asimov talks about a system of learning that uses a tool that sounds an awful lot like the Internet. See for yourself.

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Education

Calls for oversight in wake of intrusions

A number of intrusions in the past few years have led parents to campaign for greater government oversight of 4DEdu and Sail Global, the two largest education firms in the market. In March of last year it was discovered that operatives had hacked into a New Canadian Bank-sponsored B15M11 module that would lead students to conclude the bank was responsible for the market crash of 2018. Two years ago, three German hackers were discovered to have made a number of intrusions into three Second World War modules, nearly erasing any mention of concentration camps. Twelve countries in Asia have long held screening laws to ensure purchased programs have been viewed and secured by an external body before reaching students. The UCPA has not yet called for such extreme measures but are working with ministry officials to find appropriate safeguards.

Save the dolphins: EU aims to put an end to 'walls of death'

European Union. Proposal aims to ban driftnets, known for indiscriminately catching and killing anything caught within the huge nets

The proposed ban on driftnets would help protect dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna. DEAN PURCELL/GETTY IMAGES

The European Union's executive on Wednesday proposed to ban all use of driftnets in EU waters and on its vessels by year's end to better enforce the protection of dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna.

Driftnets stretching for miles close to the surface have often been responsible for the incidental capture and killing of thousands of marine animals that are important to the ecosystem. They were also responsible for indiscriminate fishing that often resulted in huge by-catches with little commercial value.

Often they were called the "walls of death" since they trapped and killed anything within nets that could measure dozens of kilometres.

"Fishing with driftnets destroys marine habitats, endangers marine wildlife and threatens sustainable fisheries," said EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki.

These type of nets were previously used in the hunt for endangered bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean until the EU banned such fishing in 2002. Even if laws already restricted its use, driftnet fishing often continued illegally and a total ban on driftnets would make catching cheats easier. The EU courts had to take action against Italy and France half a decade ago to stop such practices.

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Beginning of the end. After 62 years in Canada Sears likely to disappear

Sears is considering selling its Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sears is considering selling its struggling Canadian operations, a move that will likely lead to the closure of its brick-and-mortar stores in this country and make room for a new retailer to enter the market.

The U.S. parent company, owned by Sears Holdings in Chicago and controlling shareholder Edward Lampert, said Wednesday it was looking at strategic options for its 51 per cent interest in Sears Canada, including the possible sale.

While Sears Canada says it will co-operate with the Sears Holdings review and insists its Canadian stores will continue to operate as usual, observers see the move as the beginning of the end.

"I'm not sure that we're going to have the Sears brand in Canada because I'm not sure that anybody wants to buy the operating business; it's underinvested," said Mark Satov, founder of Satov Consultants Inc. in Toronto.

"There are some people in a different age category that probably have a habit of going there and will miss it to some degree, just like people miss going to the restaurant at Zellers and having coffee all day when Zellers became Target, but (beyond that) I don't think they're relevant."

The company is in the midst of a three-year turnaround plan and has sold leases to some of its most prominent locations, many of which will reopen as upscale Nordstrom department stores within the next two years. It has also announced 2,200 job cuts since January, on top of thousands more that it laid off last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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North America

Netflix accounts for huge chunk of e-traffic, says study

Netflix increased its share of fixed-line Internet traffic in North America in the first half of 2014, accounting for 34 per cent of data flowing to consumers during peak times, up from 32 per cent in the latter half of 2013.

That's according to a new report from Sandvine Inc., a Canadian networking services company.

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Remember the '80s?

Cineplex is not playing around with arcade plans

Movie exhibitor Cineplex Inc. sees a future in arcade games as it looks for ways to boost revenues beyond movie theatres.

"Gaming presents a real opportunity for Cineplex," chief executive Ellis Jacob told shareholders at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Messages

Yahoo set to take on Snapchat with Blink purchase

Yahoo is buying the mobile messaging app Blink.

Messages sent through the Blink app self-destruct after a certain amount of time. The app allows users to send texts, sketches, record audio, make videos and take photos. Facebook reportedly tried to buy its main rival Snapchat for $3 billion US.

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ALL HAIL VICKY, QUEEN OF BBQS

HE SAYS
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Here's a two-four gun salute to Queen Victoria, namesake of the best holiday on the entire calendar.

Sure, the full-bodied Crown Vic doesn't have the same cache as Santa's sleigh, but that's the point.

No gifts to buy, no relatives to visit, no dates to remember. The lazy long weekend May Day is the best precisely because it's no emergency.

Long live holidays that aren't tied to anything of importance, I say. Long live Queen Vicky whispering sweet, sweet nothing in my ear from her ignored corner of history.

I know, I know. There are people out there that feel some sort of bizarre kinship to a long-dead sort-of leader who kind of ruled us when our country was born, forever inspiring the Canadian people with her era's strict table manners and fear of sex.

In the interests of keeping the die-hard Queen fans happy, here are a few interesting true facts about Queen Victoria Daye and the holiday that bears her name.

Did you know?

* Victoria Day is named after Queen Victoria, Ruler of Barbecues, Defender of Gardening and Empress of Putting Your Boat in the Water.

* Her real name: Robert Zimmerman.

* Victoria was the longest-sitting U.K. sovereign, staying in her royal Barcalounger for three straight weeks while she caught up on all seven seasons of William Shakespeare's series The Henrys.

* Winner of several wars against her French counterpart Queen Capitula.

* Founded Victoria's Secret in 1871. The closely guarded secret, held close to the chest until 2005, was that lingerie will not turn you into a buxom 20-year-old model.

* Victoria faced six assassination attempts, most of them by men who missed with pistols at close range, providing George Lucas with the real-world inspiration for the storm troopers in Star Wars.

* Almost always depicted wearing black, because it did a good job hiding the Yorkshire pudding stains.

* Despite being thought of as a historically intimidating figure, Victoria was a surprising three inches tall. Her image on postage stamps of the day is life-sized.

* Victoria Day is celebrated in other countries by looking in the general direction of Canada and shrugging.

So, yes, Queen Victoria has done many great things, and you should talk to your local plate collector or Wikipedia page moderator to learn more about them.

But to me her greatest accomplishment will always be a why-not holiday that happens just as the sun starts to spread its warmth, the leaves make their first appearance and the flowers bloom.

Only in Canada? Pretty.

ZOOM

To wear to the amethyst castle party

The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos are priced at $337,000 US. CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Designer defends diamond-encrusted stilettos

You could walk off with heels worthy of Cinderella … if you've got £200,000 ($337,000 US) to spare. The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos — crafted in either platinum or 18-carat gold and encrusted with 1,290 diamonds — are the world's most expensive shoes. Designer Christopher Shellis, who's been working on the stilettos for seven years, tells Metro why the footwear that requires a mortgage is a "bargain."

The shoes are the price of a sports car or an apartment, so who are you expecting to splash the cash? Actually, I've already had an enquiry. I've been approached by some people, who won't disclose their names, asking whether I could create 100 pairs of stilettos like this one. It's for a royal engagement.

That's ridiculous! £200,000 sounds like a lot of money but people are spending hundreds of thousands on diamond-encrusted iPhone accessories or buying £500,000-plus cars. It's a bargain, mate! (Laughs)

Do you see them as an investment piece? Yeah, I think the stilettos are like the Damien Hirst diamond-encrusted skull. Actually they're better because they've got a practical value as well as a display value.

Does a bodyguard come with the purchase? (Laughs) The people who buy these will bring their own bodyguard. METRO

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MetroTube

The beautiful mane: Soccer, now with lions

ANDREW FIFIELD
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The thing about people that seem to have a mystical connection with lions is that there's nothing really mystical about it so long as you know your way around a cat.

Just watch sharply-dressed Lion Whisperer Kevin Richardson in action. A few chin scratches here, a head-butt there. Add a dash of flank rubs and he's earned enough feline devotion to spawn a spirited soccer match.

There's a lion whisperer inside all of us. Then again, so is a healthy fear of an animal that can kill you by mistake.

SCREENGRAB

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SCENE 2

Set down the smartphone and check out some outdoor theatre

Saskatchewan Outdoors: A Touring Play for Families. This production celebrates the province's beauty

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Embrace Theatre will be performing Saskatchewan Outdoors: A Touring Play for Families in outdoor locations this summer. SIMON HIATT

After the long, cold winter we've experienced, a play celebrating Saskatchewan in the summer deserves a stage as big as the entire outdoors.

"It's where we live — we might as well love it," said Charlie Peters, who is directing Saskatchewan Outdoors: A Touring Play for Families. "I'm a city dweller and have spent my life in cities, and it's so refreshing to get out. Every time I do, I'm reminded how good for the soul that is."

The show follows a father and his two daughters as he tries to encourage them to put down their cell phones and appreciate the natural wonders of Saskatchewan. It's the third production for Peters' Embrace Theatre group, which has partnered with a number of organizations including Saskatchewan Parks.

Of course there are all sorts of experiences to be had in the great outdoors and Peters solicited some of the best to help tell the tale.

"We created a Facebook page called Saskatchewan's Wild Confessions and collected dozens of stories from around the province and used improvisations to form one larger narrative out of those stories, which is becoming the piece of theatre we're touring," Peters said.

While performing in parks, campgrounds and even fields may come with limitations when it comes to things like curtains, a backstage area and set decoration, the group is hoping to use those potential drawbacks to their advantage.

"We're having a lot of fun figuring out how to cleverly design our set so that things that are normally one thing function as many things," said Chris Donlevy, who stars as the father.

"We're using our bodies as sets to create the forest."

Quoted

"I'm a city dweller and have spent my life in cities, and it's so refreshing to get out. Every time I do, I'm reminded how good for the soul that is."

Charlie Peters, director of Saskatchewan Outdoors: A Touring Play for Families

And after every show they'll be sharing that creativity with younger members of the audience, staging half-hour workshops for children in attendance.

"We've made a deer out of a set of antlers and four dowels, so we'll teach the kids how to puppeteer with those pieces. We show them how to get the rhythm to get the deer to walk," Donlevy said. "We get to directly transfer our excitement for this work into these kids."

The tour dates are being finalized, but the group will be travelling the province beginning in late July and through August. In addition to performing all over Saskatchewan, they may just collect enough material for a sequel, as they will be roughing it as they go.

"We're going to be camping a lot together. We get to practise what we preach and camp wherever we go," Donlevy said.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

Angelina and Brad let kids plan wedding

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt might be regretting their choice of wedding planners. The Maleficent star tells People magazine that they've been allowing their six kids to have some input on how best to tie the knot. "We are discussing it with the children and how they imagine it might be, which is verging on hysterical, how kids envision a wedding," Jolie says. "They will, in a way, be the wedding planners. It's going to be Disney or paintball — one or the other."

METRO WORLD NEWS

The Word

Jay Z shops with 100th problem Solange

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

In perhaps an unspoken message to let us know that we will never, ever, ever know what is up with the Knowles-Z clan, Jay Z and Solange Knowles calmly shopped for jewelry together in Manhattan on Tuesday, just days after Solange attacked Jay Z in an elevator after the Met Gala.

The rap mogul and his 100th problem were spotted at Mr. Flawless, a high end jewelry store, according to TMZ. The pair browsed women's jewelry for about 20 minutes, mostly separately. They spoke little to each other and left without buying anything.

It would take remarkable self-possession to calmly go on a shopping trip with someone who tried to put a stiletto heel through your eye just days earlier. Maybe Jay Z just wants his peaceful home life back, so he's trying to forge a truce. Or maybe they're both trying to get back in Beyoncé's good graces with a sparkly peace offering. Or maybe it's Blue Ivy who's pulling all the strings here, and they have to bring her diamond-encrusted baby rattles or else.

Jay Z isn't the only one who's trying to publicly reinforce his relationship with Solange: Beyoncé has filled her Instagram with pictures of the sisters hanging out in happier times.

Nicole Kidman ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The highs and lows of being Nicole Kidman

Nicole Kidman has never made the choice that Grace Kelly did — quitting acting to begin another life as Princess of Monaco. But she's rarely found equilibrium in her career and personal life. "When I won the Oscar, I went home and I didn't have (love) in my life," said Kidman, who won best actress in 2003, two years after she and Tom Cruise divorced. "That was the most intensely lonely experience in my life."

Kidman stars as Kelly in Grace of Monaco, which premiered Wednesday as the opener of the Cannes Film Festival. "Strangely for me, the greatest highs have coincided with the greatest lows," said Kidman. "So (during) my professional highs a lot of times I've had personal lows and they've collided. That's always aggravated me that it's gone that way. I'm hoping one day I can have a professional high and a personal high."

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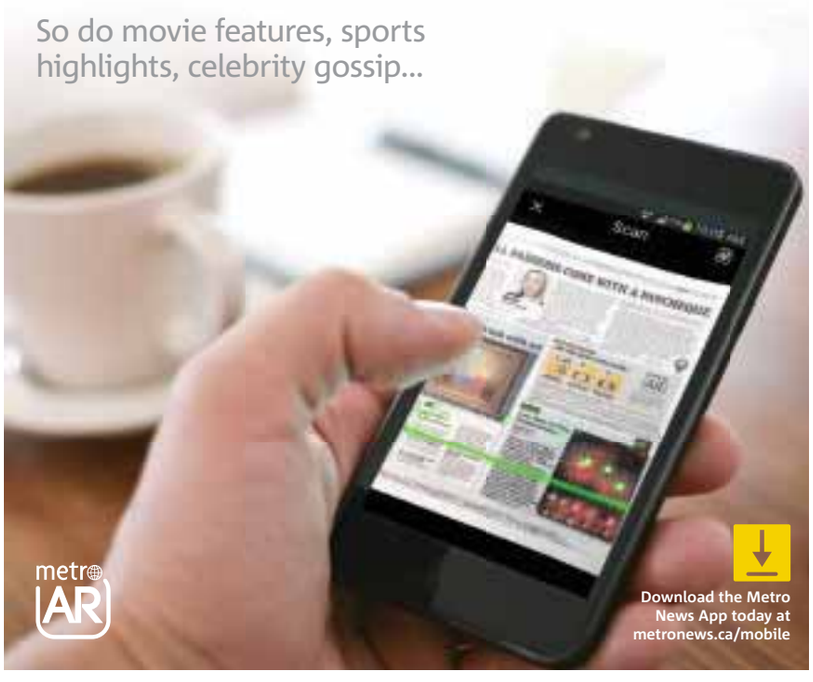

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SIGRID FORBERG
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As the weather starts to warm up, it's natural to experience a little more spring in your step.

You might be excited to shed those socks and boots, but before you start strutting around town in strappy sandals and peep-toes, you'll want to be sure to start the season off on the right foot, says essie Canada's lead nail artist, Rita Remark.

"Because they are out in the open, our feet tend to have more issues like dryness, cracking and chipping when the weather is warm," says Remark.

With that in mind, she says treating the skin on your feet the same way you would the rest of your body is important: exfoliate where necessary and moisturize.

"Use the coarse side of a double sided pedicure file to remove any calluses or rough skin, then use the finer side to soften them," she says. "After this step, it's good practice to moisturize because it allows for better product absorption and a longer lasting softness."

She adds that you'll want to apply sunscreen before stepping out into the sun — unless you want sandal tan lines, of course.

And naturally, a layer of polish will kick up any spring outfit an extra notch.

Revlon Canada's nail expert, Leeanne Colley recommends gravitating towards bright colours this season, as they work with every skin tone and are a great way of working the colour-blocking trend into your look from all angles.

When it comes to the question of whether bright toenails is a polished enough look for work, Colley says it all comes down to maintenance.

"As long as they are chip-free, short and remain glossy," says Colley of your professional pedicure. "If not? Skip the open toe until you (clean them up)."

Of course caring for your feet shouldn't just be a female concern.

Most men might think of spa treatments as a luxury, but oftentimes they ignore real health concerns when it comes to their feet.

Daniel Francoeur, the owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men, with locations in both Ottawa and Toronto, says that men often suffer in silence with foot problems like warts, corns and fungus or ingrown nails.

One of his clients, a senior, had been having trouble walking because his toenails were turning down. With a little attention, his problem has been solved, he's more mobile, and he's lost 25 pounds.

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy red nail," says Francoeur.

"Men often don't consider their feet important, but once they realize what can be done with them, it's almost always the first service we'll see them rebooking."

This little piggy definitely went to the spa. ISTOCK

Fear by the foot

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy, red nail."

Daniel Francoeur
Owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men on changing the male mind about foot care

Colours of the season

Rita Remark's recommendations for this season are essie's cobalt aqua (strut your stuff), soft lavender (French affair) and bright sunny orange (roarrrange).

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Brittany Gray

Age: 28

Occupation: Owner of Fancy Face Inc.

What she's wearing:
L.A.M.B booties, Citizens Of Humanity jeans, Club Monaco vest, Louis Vutton purse, Ray Ban shades, Vintage rings, Michael Kors watch, Tiffany's bracelet, Ganni 'Je T'aime' shirt

What she's wearing:
"My inspiration usually comes from all things Boho Chic, Edgy Glam and my fashion idol is everything Rachel Zoe."

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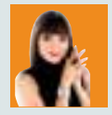

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Sweet potatoes star in healthy veg quesadillas

Grilling Week.
Vegetarians, fire up the barbecue. This recipe in our series leading up to May Long Weekend is just for you.

"The flavour and nutritional content of sweet potatoes spurs cooks to find surprising ways to work them into all kinds of dishes," write the editors of Better Homes and Gardens in the book Fresh Grilling. "Here, they help fill super-healthy quesadillas packed with jack cheese, navy beans, and baby spinach."

Ingredients

- 1 15- to 16-oz can navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 5 tbsp snipped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 small fresh jalapeño chili pepper, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground ancho chili powder
- 1/2 cucumber, quartered and sliced
- 3 to 4 medium radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- 12 oz sweet potato, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 4 10-inch whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped baby spinach
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (3 oz)
- Pain Greek yogurt and paprika (optional)

1. In a bowl combine beans, 1/4 cup of the cilantro, lime juice, jalapeño, and chili powder; set aside. For cucumber relish, in a small bowl combine cucumber, radishes and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro; set aside.

2. In a medium saucepan cook sweet potatoes, covered, in lightly salted boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender; drain well. Return potatoes to saucepan and coarsely mash; stir in cumin.

3. Spread mashed sweet potatoes over half of each tortilla. Top each with beans, spinach, green onions, and cheese. Fold each tortilla in half over the filling, pressing firmly.

4. For a charcoal or gas grill, place quesadillas directly on the grill rack over medium heat. Cover and grill for 4 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling. To serve, cut quesadillas into wedges and pass cucumber relish and, if desired, Greek yogurt sprinkled with paprika.

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Be savvy, not stingy.
Metro's Lesley-Anne Scorgie has you covered in her new book, Well-Heeled: The Smart Girl's Guide to Getting Rich

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I'm not a cheapskate, but I sure do enjoy saving money on my purchases where and when I can.

Saving money actually drives much of my purchasing behaviour because the more money I can keep, the greater my net worth and the more options I have to do what I want with my life.

Frugal living is different from being a cheapskate. Frugal people maximize the dollars they've worked hard to earn by negotiating prices, finding deals, couponing, buying on sale, and determining the best ways to buy products and services for the lowest possible price. Sure, sometimes my friends think I'm cheap because I drive a second-hand, affordable, fuel-efficient Volkswagen; I love free events; I buy in bulk; and Kijiji is my best friend. But I disagree. I never go without. I'm simply a smart spender, and my bank account proves it.

Cheapskates, on the other hand, have a bad rap for not buying what they need, when they need it, because they are afraid to spend their money. When they do spend, they'll often buy a cheap product that doesn't last, which then creates unnecessary waste and costs more in the long term because it breaks and needs to be replaced.

Contest

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Being frugal can free you up to live really well. ISTOCK

The unfortunate reality is that despite their belief that they're saving money, cheapskates often end up broke because they buy low-quality things and do not know how to spot good value.

Frugal young ladies do not spend frivolously. They take time to research their purchases and know what is and is not a good deal.

Regardless of whether you're an overspender or a cheapskate, with just a little effort, you can live frugally and save money without compromising your lifestyle.

Chapter 1 reveals that research shows wealthy women live within their means and frugally.

Dr. Thomas Stanley has conducted extensive studies on thousands of wealthy men and women.

In his book Stop Acting Rich ... And Start Living Like a Real Millionaire, he discusses how most millionaires keep meticulous budgets, live in homes valued at less than $300,000, and purchase rather than lease their cars (and those cars are often second-hand).

And surprisingly, typical millionaire women never pay more than $140 for a pair of shoes — and you know as well as I do that Jimmy Choos don't fall into that price bracket!

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Cheap or Frugal?

- **Cheap.** Cheapskates purchase the lowest-priced product regardless of quality.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies are willing to pay more for affordable, quality products.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates show up at dinner parties empty-handed.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies host potluck dinners so that nobody has to shoulder the entire grocery bill.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates avoid tipping a service provider at all costs.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies tip according to the quality of the service.

SPORTS 4

Roughriders GM explains why depth ruled draft day

CFL. With Grey Cup roster here in Regina, GM elected to stockpile

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The Saskatchewan Roughriders opted to trade away early picks at a hectic CFL Draft on Tuesday in favour of stockpiling later-round selections and adding depth to an already talent-laden roster.

General manager Brendan Taman said Wednesday that he was moved to trade the team's eight and ninth overall selections after seeing an offensive and defensive prospect plucked away earlier in the first round.

"We felt by moving down we were still getting pretty much the quality we were going to get with the picks we traded," Taman told reporters at Mosaic Stadium. "Once those guys were gone, we knew we could trade down."

After a flurry of trade activity, the Riders had to wait until the second round to make their first selection of the draft. The team chose defensive lineman Dylan Ainsworth from Western University with the 11th overall pick.

With the 45th pick, the Riders stayed close to home by choosing Weyburn native Kyle Paterson, an offensive lineman with the University of Regina.

"(With) offensive linemen, you never have enough," Taman said, adding that his draft selections were about upgrading depth.

In unquestionably the biggest draft move of the night, the expansion Ottawa RedBlacks traded quarterback Kevin Glenn to the B.C. Lions for the fifth overall selection.

Taman said he had a brief discussion with the RedBlacks about Glenn, but admitted he was only "minimally interested" in nabbing the former Roughrider and Stampeder.

Roughriders general manager Brendan Taman speaks to reporters on Wednesday at Mosaic Stadium. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Habs stab fork in Bruins

Max Pacioretty scored the winner midway through the second period and Carey Price stopped 29 shots as the upstart Montreal Canadiens defeated Boston 3-1 in Game 7 on Wednesday to oust the league-leading Bruins from the playoffs.

The Canadiens started fast and then stymied the Bruins, winners of the Presidents' Trophy for the best regular-season record, to advance to the Eastern Conference final against the New York Rangers.

Dale Weise and Daniel Briere, with a late power-play goal, also scored for Montreal.

Jarome Iginla's goal, which cut the Canadiens' lead to 2-1 with 2:08 remaining in the second, set the scene for a dramatic third period. The black and gold faithful hoped for yet another Bruins comeback.

Game 7

Canadiens	Bruins
3	1

They almost got their wish early in the third when Iginla, pouncing on a rare Price rebound, hit the post. Boston came on but the Canadiens held fast and Price, improving his record in elimination games in 2014 to 5-0 including the Olympics, was rock-solid with a disciplined team defending in front of him.

The late Boston surge was not helped by a Johnny Boychuk penalty for interference with 4:31 remaining. Montreal's Briere scored on the ensuing power play.

Montreal killed off a late interference penalty to Andrei Markov — and a 6-on-4 Boston opportunity — to seal the win.

The game drew two sellouts: 17,565 at TD Garden and some 21,000 at the Bell Centre, where fans paid $10 to watch the game on the video scoreboard. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Using the Metro News app, scan the image to view some of the scenes from this year's Giro d'Italia.

Ulissi gets 5th-stage victory

The pack begins the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia, leaving Taranto for Viggiano, Italy, on Wednesday. A powerful final burst from Diego Ulissi helped the Italian cyclist win the stage while Australian rider Michael Matthews retained the overall leader's pink jersey. FABIO FERRARI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
People respond better to charm than to threats, so use the power of Venus in your sign to work your way around their defenses. You need to know when to exert pressure and when to stand back.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There may be a clash of wills today but at least it will remind certain people that just because you're a nice guy does not mean you are a pushover.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You won't be short of friends today, tomorrow and over the weekend as Mercury, your ruler, links with Venus, planet of harmony. What you do with others will be more enjoyable than what you do by yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It's OK to be forceful but sometimes you push too hard and turn people off. That should not be a problem today though as you find new ways to get along with work colleagues.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how many things may have gone wrong in your life recently your luck will change for the better today. Actually luck has little to do with it. It's your attitude that creates your world. Start smiling!

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Make it a priority to kiss and make up with someone you fell out with a while back. Most likely you are genuinely sorry you got angry about something that, with hindsight, looks absurdly trivial.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let the people you feel closest to know how much you need them and appreciate them and love them. Anyone who thinks Libras lack emotion will have no choice but to think again over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You could fall out with a work colleague. It's OK to fight your corner, of course, but be sure that you are right and they are wrong. If there's any doubt it might be wise to back off.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem more relaxed about life and affairs of the heart. You also seem a lot less concerned with what others think about what you are doing. If it feels right to you, carry on.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All sorts of opportunities are opening up for you but they will be a lot more fun if you invite family and friends to join you on your journey. Make sure what you do for yourself you do also for the people care for.

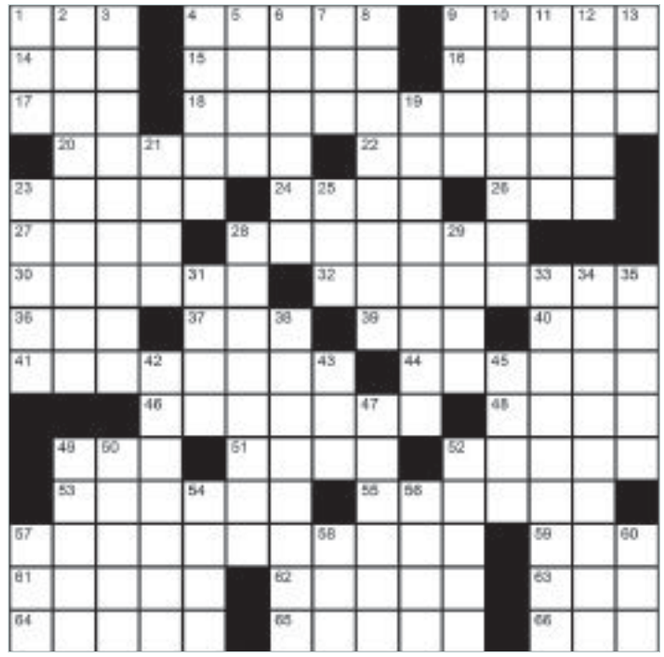
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone new will come into your life today. Is it a true love match or is it just a passing fancy? You may not know for sure until later in the year but if it's making you smile now it can't be all bad. Enjoy!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Business affairs will go better today if you turn on the charm and let would-be partners know you are happy to work with them. There's more than enough profit to go around, so don't be greedy. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

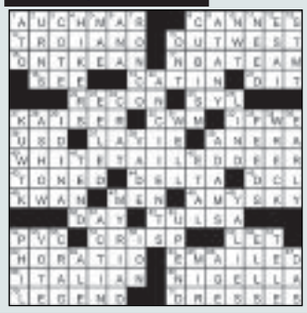
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Between G-J keyboard letter, repeated
4. Groups, briefly
9. Poet's 'close by'
14. Ghoul's cry!
15. Swift descent
16. British singer Emeli
17. Internet's 'incidentally'
18. 1969 Guess Who album: 2 wds.
20. Picasso's fashionable daughter
22. Smooth
23. Sacha Baron Cohen character
24. Pop __ (Archie Comics character)
26. Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
27. Solar deity, variantly
28. Continue: 2 wds.
30. Get married: 3 wds.
32. Canadian singer Victoria (See #57-Across for more!)
36. '90s judge Lance
37. Mr. Waxman's
39. Radio output, briefly
40. __-disant (Self-styled)
41. Rice alternative
44. Escalate: 2 wds.
46. Shrines
48. Skating great Ms. Thomas
49. Oklahoma city
51. Glow
52. Actress Dianna
53. Hair dryer brand
55. Boucherville 'boat'
57. Line in #32-Across' new single "More Than Friends" that's quite fitting for a crossword: "We fit together like a __ __..."
59. Utmost degree
61. Rob
62. Doesn't __ __ expected (Finishes in a stunning way)
63. Energy
64. Brains
65. Posh 'no'
66. Years: French

Down
1. Fireplace shelf
2. Passing-an-object quickly game: 2 wds.
3. "What's new?": 3 wds.
4. Tie type
5. Used the pool
6. Piano piece
7. __ sequitur
8. Range
9. "...__ __ forgive those who trespass..."
10. NWT: __ National Park Reserve
11. Hostile human
12. All in _ __ work
13. Former mil. General's abbr.
19. "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974) star Richard
21. Ms. O'Grady
23. General
25. 'Dull' suffix
28. __-Britannique (Pacific province, in French)
29. "The Pride __ __. Louis" (1952)
31. Fish kind
33. Jazz singer Ms. Spalding
34. Christian __ (Red-soled shoes luxury brand)
35. Use, as party platter sauce: 2 wds.
38. Dog or cat (or bird, hamster, etc.) for a comic book caped hero type: 2 wds.
42. Poem parts
43. Mid-'70s kidnappers
45. Fringe
47. In-a-military-unit war correspondents
49. Intense
50. Twelve
52. "Time is _ __ of trouble..." - Emily Dickinson
54. Ballet move, Pas __
56. Open _ __ of worms
57. Letter-writer's li'l afterthoughts
58. Magician's name suffix
60. Some printers, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3			8	5	6			9
	9				1	7		
				2				
8		2					3	
	6	7				8	9	
	5					4		7
				6				
		9	4				8	
5			1	7	9			4

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	6	1	7	9	5	2	3	4
3	2	7	1	4	6	9	5	8
4	9	5	3	8	2	6	1	7
5	7	9	8	2	4	3	6	1
6	4	2	5	1	3	7	8	9
1	3	8	9	6	7	5	4	2
2	5	3	4	7	1	8	9	6
9	1	6	2	5	8	4	7	3
7	8	4	6	3	9	1	2	5

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